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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Director's Session with a Group of House Members
on the [REDACTED], 25 June 1975

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1. Accompanied the Director to a session with a group of House members on the [REDACTED]. The session lasted from 1345 hours to 1700 hours, and was held in Room H 128 of the Capitol. No transcript was taken.

2. Members present were:

Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.)
John Brademas (D., Ind.)
Dante Fascell (D., Fla.)
Benjamin S. Rosenthal (D., N.Y.)
Paul Sarbanes (D., Md.)
Charles W. Whalen (R., Ohio)

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3. Accompanying the Director was:

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[REDACTED] Acting Legislative Counsel

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4. After a 5 1/2 hours session before Chairwoman Bella S. Abzug, Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, the Director outlined the various

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a. [REDACTED] did not have a true appreciation of Congress as a factor in our decision making process;

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b. [] see detente as providing some flexibility without facing the consequences;

c. That at least up to this point, the aid cut-off has not yet impacted on them to the extent of requiring more flexibility;

d. And their pride is also a strong factor.

6. Mr. Brademas viewed certain statements by Secretary Kissinger including one that [] had been informed that the assistance ban would be removed by 15 July 1975, as counterproductive to the "end" sought by the aid cut-off.

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8. There is one follow up item for Mr. Sarbanes concerning the extent of cannibalization of [] military equipment.

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